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| In re the Application of: | ) |
| | ) **Group Art Unit:** 2172 |
| **Raymond Guzman et al.** | ) |
| | ) **Examiner:** Shahid Al Alam |
| Serial No.: 09/476,141 | ) |
| | ) |
| Filed: January 3, 2000 | ) |
| | ) |
| For: METHOD AND MECHANISM FOR | ) |
| IMPLEMENTING AND ACCESSING | ) |
| VIRTUAL DATABASE TABLE | ) |
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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment and response to Office Action for the above-identified application.

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☐ Applicant(s) petitions for an extension of time under 37 CFR § 1.136 [fees: 37 CFR § 1.17(a)(1)-(5)] for the total number of months checked below:

| EXTENSION (months) | FEE FOR SMALL ENTITY | | FEE FOR OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 month | ☐ | $55.00 | ☐ | $110.00 |
| 2 months | ☐ | $200.00 | ☐ | $400.00 |
| 3 months | ☐ | $460.00 | ☐ | $920.00 |
| 4 months | ☐ | $720.00 | ☐ | $1,440.00 |
| 5 months | ☐ | $980.00 | ☐ | $1,960.00 |

☐ An extension for _____ months has already been secured and the fee paid therefor of _____ is deducted from the total fee due for the total months of extension now requested.

☐ Extension fee due with this Request _____.

☐ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

## FEES FOR CLAIMS:

☐ Applicant claims small entity status pursuant to 37 CFR 1.27.

The fees for claims (37 CFR § 1.16(b)-(d)) have been calculated as shown below:

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| Total Claims | 56 | - | 20 | = | 36 | x $18.00 | $648.00 |
| Independent Claims | 6 | - | 3 | = | 3 | x $84.00 | $252.00 |
| Multiple Dependent Claims | $280 | (if applicable) | | | | ☐ | $0.00 |
| **TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS** | | | | | | | $900.00 |
| Reduction by ½ for Filing by Small Entity. Note 37 CFR §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28. | | | | | | ☐ | $0.00 |
| **TOTAL FEES FOR CLAIMS SUBMITTED HEREWITH** | | | | | | | $900.00 |

☐ A check in the amount of _____ is enclosed to cover the above fee(s).

☒ Charge Lyon & Lyon's Deposit Account No. **12-2475** in the amount of **$900.00**.

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Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 28, 2002, please enter the following amendments:

In the Specification

Please replace the first full paragraph on page 4, (lines 2-6) with the following:

The present invention is directed to a method and mechanism for encoding multiple virtual tables into one or more source tables. An aspect of the invention is directed to the access of a virtual table without requiring separate entries for the virtual table in the meta-data of a database system. Another aspect of the invention is directed to a virtual table that has different column signatures than its underlying source table(s).